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OF THE

OXFORD

Baptist Association

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OFFICERS:

P. H. LOWRY, MODERATOR, ... Batesville, Miss
A. T. BOBO, CLERK, ... Batesville, Miss
W. W. DICKINS, TREASURER, ... Batesville, Miss

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING—BETHEL CHURCH, 3 miles South-east of Water Valley, Miss.
TIME—September 7, 8, 9, 1904.

To Preach Introductory Sermon..... N. W. P. Eason
Alternate..... H. W. Rockett

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty--fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Oxford Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

In LaFayette County, Mississippi, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1903

OFFICERS:

P. H. LOWRY, Moderator. A. T. BOBO, Clerk.

W. W. DICKINS, Treasurer.

Order of Business.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive Reports of Messengers.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Appoint a Finance Committee.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Receive Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Receive Report of Finance Committee.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Appoint Place of Next Meeting.
15. Appoint Brothers to Preach Introductory Sermon.
16. Miscellaneous.
17. Call and Correct Roll, and Read Minutes.
18. Adjourn.

Call meeting of Committee on apportionment

Appoint Ex. Committee

Report from last Jews Committee

Standing Committee Reports

DIRECTORY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

T. A. Tubbs.
W. E. Hudson.
J. H. Gowen.
J. M. Davis.
J. W. Higginbotham.
Cleveland McElroy.
Mrs. A. A. Burnett.
J. A. Woodruff.
J. G. Hill.
~~E. W. Barton~~. J. H. Ferd-
C. P. Burkhalter.
A. J. McKee.
W. I. Hargis.
D. C. Perkins.
S. L. Shepherd.
Thomas Draper.
Terry Box.
J. D. Woodruff.
W. C. Haire.
W. Jas. Robinson.
J. L. Sisk.

LOCAL COMMITTEE:

H. B. Gowen.
H. W. Rockett.

Report of Committee on appointment.
Appoint delegates (messengers)

I. H. Lowry.

E. G. Gowen.

John Walgren.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

State Missions—N. W. P. Bacon. J. W. Higginbotham.

Home Missions—H. W. Rockett. W. H. Hudson.

Foreign Missions—A. A. Lomax. L. B. Lamb.

Sunday Schools—D. C. Perkins. F. A. Lamb.

Woman's Work—W. I. Hargis. F. L. Riley.

Publications—W. Jas. Robinson. W. H. Carder.

Orphanage—J. L. Sisk. A. E. Jennings.

Education—B. T. Kimbrough. S. R. Lamb.

Sustentation—H. L. Johnson. E. W. Barton.

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MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. D. House, Water Valley.
G. W. Hollowell, Splinter.
T. C. Brown, Oxford.
W. L. Hudson, Nolen.
H. W. Rockett, Harrison.
E. D. Rowe, Harrison.
N. W. P. Bacon, Oxford.
W. I. Hargis, University.
A. A. Lomax, Batesville.
W. Jas. Robinson, Water Valley.
H. L. Johnson, Water Valley.
M. L. Williams, Water Valley.
C. G. Blount, Water Valley.
J. O. Hill, Water Valley.
L. W. Metts, Oxford.

LICENTIATES.

W. H. Hudson, Velma.
B. L. McKee, Water Valley.

The OXFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Thirty-fourth Annual Session with the Clear Creek Church in LaFayette County, Miss., September 9, 1903.

At 10:30 o'clock a.m. the Moderator, Bro. H. L. Johnson called the Association to order and conducted devotional exercises; reading the 1st Psalm.

Song, "Come thou fount of every blessing."

Prayer by Bro. Lomax.

The Moderator appointed W. I. Hargis and W. W. Dickens reading clerks, and letters from the following churches were read and delegates enrolled, to-wit:

Antioch—T. A. Tubbs, J. M .Thomas.

Big Springs—W. J. Edgar, W. H. Boydstun. Miss Ida Hudson.

Bethany—H. B. Gowen, Mrs. H. B. Gowen.

Bethel—J. M. Davis, R M. Wiburn.

Clear Creek—J. C. Holleman, R. H. McElroy, W. E. Crow, W. C. Wells, J. D. Jones, H. L. Bunch.

Courtland—W. K. Oliver.

Concord—W. D. Tatum, E. S. Moore, J. W. Higginborham.

Good Hope—J. A. Baker, P. B. Farrow, L. B. Lamb, Miss Lora Woodruff, Miss Cora Woodruff, Miss Fannie Woodruff.

Liberty Hill—J. G. Hill.

Mt. Pisgah—(No delegate sent nor named in letter.)

Mt. Gilead—W. H. Hudson, W. L. Hudson.

New Liberty—James Brister.

Oxford—G. W. Leavell, N. W. P. Bacon, W. I. Hargis, F. L. Riley, Mrs. G. W. Leavell, Mrs. R. E. Dundan.

Panola—A. A. Lomax, P. H. Lowry, W. W. Dickens, A. T. Bobo, Mrs. Anna J. Perkins, Mrs. L. A. Collins.

Paris—S. H. Shepherd.

Pilgrim's Rest—J. R. Jones, W. A. McCown, R. J. Waller.

Pope—H. C. Cox, A. S. Weeks.

Pisgah—(No letter.)

Shady Grove—G. W. House.

Tocowa—J. D. Woodruff, Miss Lizzie Woodruff.

Union—S. G. Henry, W. C. Haire, R. C. Henry.

Water Valley—W. J. Robinson, H. L. Johnson, A. E. Jennings, Miss Gertie Fisher, Miss Docia Fisher.

Yocona—G. B. Taylor, D. D. Tubbs, Mrs. Nellie Sisk.

Yellow Leaf—W. T. Webb, Thos. Tubbs.

On motion the Association decided to hear the Introductory Sermon at this hour.

Song, "How firm a foundation."

Bro. H. L. Johnson preached an edifying Sermon; Text, James 1: 27. Subject: Pure and undefiled religion.

Adjourned to 1:30 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Assembled at 1:30 o'clock. Song, "Jesus lover of my soul." Prayer by Bro. J. M. Davis.

On motion, the Association proceeded to elect officers for this Session. The election resulted as follows:

Moderator—P. H. Lowry,

Clerk—A. T. Bobo.

Treasurer—W. W. Dickens.

On motion, the order of business of last session was adopted for this session. On call for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies, Brethren W. W. Dickens, A. A. Lamax and W. J. Robinson made cheering reports of the Baptist State Convention.

Bro. W. I. Hargis visited the Yalobusha and Chickasaw Association and Bro. A. A. Lomax visited Yalobusha Association, both reported pleasant and profitable meetings.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to serve as Finance Committee, to-wit: H. B. Gowen, J. G. Hill and J. D. Woodruff.

On account of the absence of the former appointees, the following appointments were made:

On State Missions—H. L. Johnson, P. B. Farrow,

On Woman's Work—W. Jas. Robinson.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your annual Committee on Publications beg leave to say: We do not know that our report will ever be read by any body except the Committee, the Clerk and the printer. Will it be read after it is a year old? If read, will it do any good? Will any body be benefited? Has any family in this Association been influenced to take and read the literature hitherto published in our minutes, only and solely because it *was* published? Who will answer, yes? Does any one want to know where good, sound Baptist literature can be had, with a view to secure and read said literature? Your committee does not know of any one. There may be such but we do not know. Say, does any one really and truly want to know? Or do we just want to put something in our minutes as a matter of course and not as a matter of information? Is there an adult member of this body that never heard of "The Baptist," "Foreign Mission Journal," "The Home Field" and "The Orphans' Gem"? Your pastor can tell you. These four papers will cost you $2.60 a year. Are they worth that

much? Your committee thinks so. What do you think?

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. LOMAX. }
F. A. LAMB. } Com.

In discussing the report Brs. Lomax, among other good things, said "We should read to learn, learn to know, know that you may do and do to glorify God and benefit humanity." Bro. Robinson spoke on cost of literature. The Mississippi Baptist costs two dollars a year, the secular weekly papers costs fifty cents. Heaven for us, cost the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Hell costs nothing but unbelief. Which will you choose? Bro. Hargis spoke of the Orphanage Gem; Bro. Lowrey said he could not get on without Baptist literature in his family, one dollar paid for ten copies of the Gem sent to ten children would yield one thousand fold in support of the Orphanage. Bros. Johnson, Hudson and Oliver made good short talks on the value of religious literature. N. W. P. Bacon said you cannot afford to do without religious literature in your homes.

Report adopted.

On motion the following hours for meeting and adjourning were adopted, to-wit: Meet at 9 o'clock a.m.; 30 minutes devotional services; adjourn at I2 o'clock m.; meet at 1:30 p.m.: adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Committee on Devotional Services—Pastor and Deacons of Clear Creek church and H. L. Johnson.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The object of the Home Mission Board is to furnish the gospel to those who have it not in our own land. There are some States that cannot supply the destitution within their own bounds and the Home Board seeks to supplement their

efforts. There are many cities where our Baptist cause is too weak to meet the requirements and the Home Board assists in building houses and supplements the salary of pastor and supports missionaries in these cities. There are some States and many cities that have a large foreign population and our Home Board seeks to christianize these foreigners. "We must christianize them or they will heathernize us." There was a time when we did not emphasize foreign missions enough, now we are in danger—not of emphasizing this department of want too much, but failing to emphasize home missions enough. The importance of this work of this Board will be appreciated when we remember that some of the churches that now contribute most largely to missions were once helped by the Home Board; and the very existence of some of these churches would have been impossible but for this Board. In our contributions let us not discrimate against any board but remember that a soul in this land is worth as much as a soul in any land. The soul of a lad in the mountains of Georgia, Kentucky or the Carolinas is worth as much as the soul of a Chinaman. The soul of a negro in our Southern cotton fields is worth as much as one in Africa. So then, let all our Baptisn people remember this Board and contribute as liberally to it as to any other board. This Board is located in Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. B. D. Gray is the Secretary, the great and good F. C. Connell, having recently resigned.

Respectfully submitted,

N. W. P. Bacon.

On motion, the discussion of this report is passed to be discussed in connection with reports on State and Foreign Missions when presented.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Your Committee submit the following: We have been told in former reports on this subject, of the high calling of the preacher, of his God given work, of the fact that he is

human and must needs have food, and clothing, and other necessary things; that as a rule he is not rich, and that he will finally wear out and become unable to support himself. Now brethren when he reaches this point, what ough we to do with him? Shall we cast him aside and ignore him? God forbid. The report for 1901, says, "We should esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake, and give them our hearty material support." This is all right as far as it goes but does not go far enough. Preaches, (and especially aged and worn out preachers), will starve to death on wind as soon as any body in the world. Your Committee think this a matter of too mucn importance to be treated so lightly, so indifferently, as it has been in the past, and suggest that the Pastor of each church in this Association get this matter on his own heart and then by the help of God's spirit lay it upon the hearts of his people, and try to induce them, each one, and every one, to contribute at least ten cents during the next association year for this purpose. Thus creating a fund from which to draw whenever necessary. Hoping the brethren may duly consider these crude suggestions, and deal with this matter in a more practical, business like manner and that God may bless us in so doing, we close our report, and respectfully submit it.

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Read by J. W. Higginbotham.

Discussed by Brethren W. J. Robinson, J. W. Higginbothnm and A. A. Lomax.

Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Song, the Doxology.

Prayer by Bro. Bacon.

Thursday, September 10. 9:30 a.m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W. I. Hargis. Scripture read, John 4: 1-24.

Song, "Stand up for Jesus."

Prayer by Brethren W. H. Hudson and J. G. Hill.

The Moderator appointed committee on Apportionment as follows:

T. A. Tubbs.
W. H. Boydstun.
H. B. Gowen.
J. M. Davis.
R. H. McElroy.
W. K. Oliver.
J. W. Higginbotham.
J. A. Baker.
J. G. Hill.
W. H. Hudson.
G. W. Leavell.
A. A. Lomax.
S. H. Shepherd.
J. R. Jones.
H. C. Cox.
G. W. House.
J. D. Woodruff.
R. C. Henry.
W. Jas. Robinson.
G. B. Taylor.
W. T. Webb.

On motion, a committee on nominations was appointed as follows: M. W. Rockett, L. W. Holloway and Bunch.

W. I. Hargis. A. E. Jennings. J. C. Holloman.

Brother. A. V. Rowe, Secretary of State Mission Board, was recognized and invited to a seat with us.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of Missions. Our Lord said: "I have not come of myself my Father sent me," and to us He has said: "As my Father hath sent me even so I send you." And this sending is into all the world, and is to every creature in all the world. The work then of the church of Christ is to give the gospel to all the people no matter where they may live. We call our work in our State, State Missions to distinguish that from other parts of the work given us to do. There is yet much destitution in the delta and Southern part of our State, also weak churches that need help. Then there are places in the territory of many of our Associations where the gospel is not preached. Our State Board is doing what it can to supply the destitution in our state and from the Board's report of work done we have great reason to be thankful and glad. One feature of our work your committee would earnestly recommend is the Colportage work. Something has been done along that line; something has been done, but not a tenth that should have been done. We need a live layman or preacher in each Association to make a house to house canvass with the Bible and our literature. The printing press is being used as never before, and with telling effect, in favor of evil. We have the means to do a fine and much needed work along this line, and as servants of our Lord we ought to give liberally of our time our money and our influence to educate all the people of our state in gospel truth.

Respectfully submitted.

H. L. JOHNSON. }
P. B. FARROW. } Com.

Discussion of this report is deferred until the report on Foreign Missions is submitted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Work of the white Baptist churches

of the South is under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va. The corresponding secretary of this Board is Rev. R. J. Willingham, whose home is also in Richmond. This Board was organized nearly sixty years ago by the Southern Baptist Convention and the members of the Board are elected by that Convention. At present the Baptists of the South, through this Board, maintain missions in Mexico, Italy, Brazil, Africa, China and Japan. The growth of this work is marvelous, and it is yet shamefully small in proportion to the number and ability of the Baptists represented in this Convention.

In 1898 we had in foreign fields 76 missionaries, 117 native helpers, 102 churches, with a total membership of 4760, and we contributed to the work $124,249.69. Last year we had 127 missionaries, 192 native helpers, 157 churches with a tatal membership of 8880, and we contributed to the work $218,512.52. In 1899 there were in these fields 701 baptisms, and last year there were 1790. With Baptists the number of baptisms is a fair evidence of the number of conversions.

Last year the Baptists of Mississippi contributed to this work $16,105.42 which was a great step forword for us, but considering that we have over 111,000 white Baptists in Mississippi and that this is not an average of 15 cents a piece, we should feel humiliated rather than puffed up; and yet our average is a little above the general average in the South.

That the business management of our Foreign Mission work is in good hands is shown by the fact that last year their total expenses, which includes the expenses of the Board proper, the Woman's Missionary Union, State Agences and some interest on borrowed money, amounted to only ten and a half per cent of the amount disbursed through that Board. In other words, of each dollar given to this work an average of over eighty-nine cents went to the Missionaries. The forward strides we are making in this great work is shown by the fact that last year we gave to Foreign Missions over $45,000 more than ever before. There were thirteen new Missionaries sent out, and there were over 300 more

baptisms than in any previous year.

God has opened the door and is greatly blessing the work. Will we as His servants "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?"

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. LOWRY, Com.

The reports on Missions were discussed together by the following Brethren:

Bro. A. V. Rowe, said, the Baptists of Mississippi increased in numbers last year about seven thousand; about eighteen hundred being by experience and baptism. Contributions increased to thirty-seven thousand. Baptisms in home fields last year were about ten thousand. Two things commend men to God—giving and prayer.

The hour for preaching having arrived the discussion was suspended until 1:30 p.m.

At 11 o'clock a.m. Bro. A. A. Lomax preached an earnest and edifying sermon. Text, Romans 8: 17. Subject; "The privileges of Heirship."

On motion, the Association adjourned until 1:45 p.m. Benediction by Bro. Lomax.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:45 P. M.

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Assembled by singing "How firm a foundation."

Prayer by Bro. H. L. Johnson.

The letter from Yellow Leaf church was here presented and read. On motion, the church was reinstated and the delegates enrolled.

The discussion of the reports on Missions was resumed.

Bro. A. A. Lomax, says, we should read more missionary literature and talk more about it. The life of our churches at

home depends on our work in foreign fields.

Bro. P. H. Lowry: "Missions is the chief work of this Association. We have only commenced the work to which God has called us."

Bro. W. Jas. Robinson: "Knowledge is power, but action is effective. Get knowledge, then act. I like extremists. God is the greatest extremist. It costs less to convert a soul in foreign fields than in home fields."

Bro. N. W. P. Bacon: "Want to magnify State and Home Missions and not detract Foreign Missions. A soul saved in Mississippi is worth more to us here than one saved in foreign fields."

Bro. A. E. Jennings says, "All Missions are important and deserve more at our hand than we have ever done. Water Valley church will give as much for Mission as we pay our pastor."

Reports on Missions adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

With such a broad subject, your committee need not be at a loss for material.

There being no uniform standard by which the term Education may be defined, its definition must depend upon the view point one occupies in discussing it. The writer take the position that much more than a college course, or a knowledge of books is necessary to the best Education. He is best educated who can best use himself—who has his *body*, his *intellect*, his *will*, his *religion* and *ethical* instincts in submission to his highest conceptions of right. Two things are essential to the highest education; namely, a judgment which can discriminate between questions of right and wrong, and a conscience quick to approve the right and condemn the wrong.

He, whose highest concept of an education, is, that it

consists of a knowledge of science, language, literature, etc., has a very imperfect idea as to what real education is. He who sees only through the eyes of another, and thinks through the mind of another, fails in the a. b. c. of real education.

The highest type of education, is christian education. The education of the heart and life. The bringing of human thought and human conduct into harmony with the Divine will and purpose, concerning each human being. But, if in seeking to conform to the Divine will and purpose, I let another think and plan for me, and I unquestioningly follow another, I surrender my individuality, and let another direct and control, where I should know for myself, whether my thoughts and acts are patterned after God's thoughts and will.

These are things that need to be emphasized in the education of the youth of our land.

The first principle they need to learn is the principle of right. The school that fails to keep constantly before the pupil the fact of his moral obligations, should have to close its doors for lack of patronage.

Some one has said, "A little learning is a dangerous thing.". Much learning may be equally or more dangerous. As to whether learning is helpful or hurtful, two things are to be considered:

1. The subject.
2. The things learned.

A giant intellect, controled by a bad heart may be a very bad thing. A poorly cultivated mind, directed by a heart attuned to the Divine will, may be a blessing both to the individual and to others.

The world needs to change its ideas in regard to education. The moral and religious are not sufficiently emphasized. Education in general is too secular. The schools, the homes and the churches are the greatest factors in the moral and religious education of the youth. No support should be given by christian people to schools, whose moral ideas are

not high.

Baptists have the best of schools in Mississippi College, Blue Mountain Female College and Hillman College in Mississippi, and many more throughout the country.

No young man should think of entering the ministry without making the best possible preparation for his work, in the of educational training along the lines indicated in this paper. There is no better place to get this training than Mississippi College. If he wants theological training, he may obtain it in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky.

Mississippi College, Blue Mountain College and the Seminary enrolled a total of about 800 students last session. These schools are a mighty power in developing high ideals of life, and in giving advanced literary, scientific and theological training.

Respectfully.

W. I. HARGIS.

In the discussion of this topic, Bro. F. L. Riley says, "The native element of our population is coming in contact with all nationalities and must make great strides in education or be pressed to the wall and become 'hewers of wood and drawers of water.'"

Bro. A. V. Rowe said, "The spirit of education is abroad in the land. Our boys and girls will not be 'hewers of wood and drawers of water' for others."

Bro. A. A. Lomax: "We are confronted by conditions that make it imperative that we educate our children. Our girls are being educated but our boys are hunting jobs. We must educate or perish."

Report adopted.

Adjourned until 9 oclock a.m. tomorrow.

Song, "Nearer my God to Thee."

Prayer by Bro. A. V. Rowe.

Friday Morning, September 11.

9 o'clock.

Bro. J. R. Taylor conducted devotional exercises. Read Hebrews 12; 1-6; and made an earnest and interesting talk.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received special collection for Bro. Gaines.....	$10.85
" for Minutes.	37.00
" " Foreign Missions.....	3.70
" " State Missions.....	39.50
" " Home Missions.....	18.00
" " Orphanage.....	3.25
	$112.30

Said sum paid Treasurer and his receipt is hereto attached.

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM.
J. D. WOODRUFF. } Com.
J. G. HILL.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF TREASUERR.

Received of the Finance Committee:

For Bro. Gaines.....	$10.85
" For Minutes	37 00
" Foreign Missions.....	3.79
" State " "	39.50

" Home " "	18.90
" Orphanage.....	3.25
Total received and on hand.....	$112.30

I now ask that you instruct me to pay over the amounts as designated above.

W. W. DICKINS, Treasurer.

Report adopted

The Treasuer was instructed to pay over the amounts to the persons authorized to receive them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Antioch.....	$ 5 00
Big Springs	15 00
Bethany	50 00
Bethel	12 00
Concord.	25 00
Clear Creek.....	60 00
Courtland.....	7 50
Good Hope..... ...	50 00
Liberty Hill....	12 00
Mt. Gilead..... .. .	5 00
Mt. Pisgah...	10 00
New Liberty..... ...	5 00
Oxford.....	275 00
Panola.....	225 00
Paris	8 00
Pilgrim's Rest.....	25 00
Shady Grove.....	10 00
Tocowa	17 50
Union..... .	5 00
Water Valley.....	1000 00
Yocona	55 00
Yellow Leaf.....	10 00
	$1887 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. JAS. ROBINSON, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Bro. H. L. Johnson reported use of money loaned him by the executive board of this Association. He still has some of the money on hand and desires to use it. On motion, he is instructed to use it, and if he wants more it will be supplied.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is one of the chief factors in leading men to Christ; in fact it stands next to the pulpit in influence. Through the influence of the Sunday School the old as well as the young are stimulated to study God's word which is the power unto salvation. Hence the ground work of religious conviction is often traced back to the early trainging we have received through the work of the Sunday School. It is remarkably true that the Sunday School student is easier reached by the preached word than other people, but this is no strange phenomena, for God has said "my word shall not return unto me void." A live wide-awake Sunday School is no doubt one of the best indicators of a prosperous church. The letters this year show that sixteen churches have Sunday Schools and that six have none.

Bro. L. P. Leavell, our sunday school field Secretary is now giving his entire time to the States of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Your committee would urge upon all churches of this Association the great necessity of maintaining an evergreen Sunday School, presided over by a godly man, with devout teachers, and we recommend the use of the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. R. TAYLOR. }
L. B. LAMB. } Com.

In discussing this report Bro. F. L. Riley said, "A Sunday School is necessar yto the prosperity of a church. It is a means of bringing children to Chirst and training them in

christion work. Every church and community should have a Sunday school and every member should attend. The Sun day school is missionary, carrying God's word to little children, it should be aggressive extending its influeuce to the extreme limits."

Bro. Bacon: "Why don't you study the Bible? Do you like poetry? In it you find the most sublime. Prose? there is none finer. Astronomy? There we are told that the morning stars sang together at the birth of a virgin world."

Bro. Hudson loves the Sunday school for what it has done for him and is doing for his community.

Bro. F. L. Riley's plan to increase attendance and interest: Appoint two captains, divide the school between them, contest for recruits, get them, hold them, all for Christ.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Since the most excellent report made to this Association one year ago, some important changes has taken place in the Orphanage. Bro. Foster who has been with the Orphanage since its beginning—has resigned. Bro. Foster writes a card in this month's *Gem*, stating that his failing health and advancing years makes it necessary to place the arduous duties of superintendency on other shoulders. May God's blessing rest on Bro. and Sister Foster wherever they may go. May their declining years be full of peace and rest, and when God takes them home may they meet those hundred of little homeless ones for whom they provided a home here on earth.

The State Convention that met in Yazoo City made some important changes in the management of our Orphanage—this was necessary as the Orphanage work was growing so rapidly. The trustees are now elected annually instead of being appointed for life as before. There are twenty-seven trustees, one-third of these, nine, time expire each year, and

nine are elected each year. The trustees elect the Superintendent, who has a fixed salary of $600.00 per annum, and a home and food furnished. The board elected J. R. Carter to succeed Bro. Foster, and he has already taken charge. The board had an auditing committee to go carefully over the books, receipts and disbursements of the Orphanage from its beginning up to date. After a month's hard work that committe reported on last Monday, Sept. 7. That report will be published complete in the *Baptist* and *Gem* soon. The net result of the report is that we owe about $5500.00 and that the value of our Orphanage property is about $40,000.00. The $5500.00 indebtedness includes every thing the Orphanage owes, and is caused by the splendid improvement now on our grounds. This also includes $1700.00 that we owe Bro. Foster. The board borrowed $5500.00 and paid off all our outstanding debts, As our cash receipts have been about $1000 annually for the past three years, this will not be much of a burden. but with a little exertion on the part of tne Baptists of Mississippi, every dollar will be liquidated by May 1st.

This committee recommend that every pastor in this Association take a collection in November on that date that is most convenient to him and his people, as a thanksgiving offering to God, for his love and kindness to us, and His great blessing upon our Orphanage erected in His name. We also recommend that children especially be thaught to contribute to this noble work and that every Sunday school in this association send a contribution, however small that may be, once a month to our Orphanage. In conclusion, a word to the doubting Thomas' who is ever ready to believe that every dollar is misspent, I want to say a word as President of the board af trustees, that every dime contributed goes direct to the arphans; that Bro. Carter is required to show a voucher for every cent expended and a complete statement of receipts and disbursements will be made annually to the State Convention, and no more improvements will be made without the andvice and consent of the executive board of the board of

trustees.

Now, dear people of God, would you help the Lord; would you have religion pure and undefiled before God, tben help the orphans in their affliction. Remember, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath given He will pay him again."

A. E. JENNINGS.

Bro. A. E. Jennings in discussing this report said among other good things, "The Baptist Orphanage is the apple of my eye and each month I hope to lay up treasurs in heaven by contributing to it."

A collection for the Orphanage was take amounting to twenty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents.

Report adopted.

At 11 o'clock business was suspended and Bro. W. Jas. Robinson preached a good sermon. Text, Acts 20: 28. "Which he has purchased with His own blood."

Adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. 1:30 P.M.

Assembled by singing "How firm a foundation."

Prayer by Bro. W. W. Dickins.

On motion, Bro. P. H Lowry was requested to address the Association on the subject of Sunday Schools. Asking Bro. Riley to act as Moderator, Bro. Lowry made a short but impresuive talk.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The women are in the majority in attendance at all our religious services This prophecies their deep interest in all spiritual things. In their society work in our churches they

are very great factors for good. The Aid Societies have a helping hand ready to touch and bless every needy cause and in this way the parable of the Good Samaritan is daily enacted. Eternity alone will reveal the great good being done by our consecrated women in this work.

In missionary work they are in many instances the life of this department of church work. Whatever cause the godly women of our country champion, has great prospects of success. and in the churches when the women are actively interested in missions fountains of benevolence are opened and a golden stream flows into the Lord's treasury; where they are inactive little is done. This is a significant fact and the more one studies this the more significant it becomes.

The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, give us great cause for rejoicing.

Church Building and Loan fund	$ 1.069.70
Cash for Missions	19.295.38
Value of Boxes	31.916.46
Total	$52.281.54

Of this vast sum Mississippi women gave $595.60 to Missions, and $1800.06 in boxes besides something to the Church Building and Loan Fund.

Respectfully,

W. JAS. ROBINSON.

In discussing this report Bro. Robinson said "women are great educators and agitators, they are doing great things for the cause of Christ."

Report adopted.

Dear Sisters of W. M. U. Oxford Association:

Realizing the vastness of the work to be done for our Lord, and the great responsibility resting upon each of us, this fact should be an incentive for us to do all our hands

may find to do.

Then—"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed on Him."

Let us not withhold our time and talents in helping to evangelize the world, saving souls, which are in darkness and know not the love of an Omnipotent God. May each one of us feel in our hearts and know that it is to us the Lord gave the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We can spend more time in prayer for Missionaries as give as God has prospered us, to their support.

Much good can be accomplished by bringing to bear upon the disinterested the great importance of saving souls and what it takes to provide means for the support of missionaries. In the Oxford Association are more than seventeen churches, of which only three report to the State Secretary. I hope there are more organized societies than these.

The W M. U. is auxiliary to S. B. C. The organized societies of W. M. U. binds them into a union of effort and fellowship of labor. May God bless the faithful in using them as a light to others in leading them to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, who said, "Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." "For not every one that sayeth Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

I would urge the ladies of all the churches that your prayers and influence for advancing the cause of Christ is much needed. Organize in this importaat work for in "unity there is strength." Thus appropriating the promise "if two or three of you agree as touching any one thing, I will give it to you." That we devote more time and prayer to the training of children, young people, in missionary work, not forgetting that "as the twig is bent so is the tree inclined."

Please remember that (1) A quarterly report specifying the object of contributions shall be sent to Associational Vice President; to the Secretary of Central Committee, Mrs. W. R.

Woods, Meridian, Miss., January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 ; (2) Then two weeks previous to meeting of Association, a report of years' work shall be sent to the Associational Vice-President of Central Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. MARKETTE.

Appointed Standing Committees. For names of Committees, see page three of minutes.

The committee on Nominations reported as follows;

Place for next meeting: Bethel Church, 3 miles southeast from Water Valley.

Time of meeting, Wednesday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1904.

To Preach Introductory Sermon: N. W. P. Bacon.

Alternate: H. W. Rocket.

Report adopted.

The following resolution offered by Bro. W. H. Hudson, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we extend to the good people of Clear Creek church and vicinity, our heartfelt thanks for their kind and generous hospitality shown us during our stay among them, and that we return home praying God's blessing on them.

On motion, Bros. W. Jas. Robinson and J. O. Hill were appointed to arrange programms and select places for holding the fifth Sunday meetings.

On motion, the Moderator, Bro. P. H. Lowry, is appointed by this Association a delegate to represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bro. N. W. P. Bacon, is appointed alternate.

On motion, the Moderator is authorized to appoint dele-

gates to represent this Association in the Baptist State Convention, and the Convention is requested in the absence of any appointee, to receive any member of this Association who may be present. The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as delegates;

W. Jas. Robinson.
A. E. Jennings.
N. W. P. Bacon.
B. T. Kimbrough.
A. A. Lomax.
D. C. Perkins.
H. W. Rockett.
F. A. Lamb.
W. I. Hargis.
J. H. Jones.

On motion, the Clerk is ordered to have the Constitution and By-Law of this Association printed in the minutes.

On motion, the present Executive Committee is re-appointed and the Moderator authorized to fill vacancies. Bro. W. Jas. Robinson was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Bro. Shuck's absence.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to correct the letter from Good Hope church according to report to be made to him by the Deacons of that church.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, three miles south-east of Water Valley, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1904.

Song, "God be with you till we meet again."

Prayer and Benediction by Bro. A. A. Lomax.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and unite in their efforts in the great cause of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aim of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement among which the support of superanuated and worn-out ministers will receive special attention.

ART. 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the numbers reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided, in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates present representing churches, shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and

died during the year.

ART. 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent itself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus failing at two consecutive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into cause of such failure.

ART. 5. Other churches approving our articles of Faith and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying the approval and desire by delegates and letters.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and names of the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

ART. 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

ART. 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches ; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give adivce to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 10. This Association shall, at its annual meeting, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in

session, and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman may deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

ART. 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided, he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of tie.

ART. 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be, by the Moderator put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

ART. 5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the

Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

ART. 8. Every member, in addressing the body, must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or use words of personal reflection.

ART. 8. The appelation "Brother," shall be used in our addresses.

ART. 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave from the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

ART. 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during the hours of business without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys received for Associational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

ART. 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rule of the Association, a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

ART. 14. The roll of delegate shall be called at the close of each session, and the absentees without permission shall be designated upon the Minutes as such, without leave from the moderator.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	Poor	Clerk and Minutes	Building and Repairing	MISSIONS State	MISSIONS Home	MISSIONS Foreign	Other Objects	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Totals.	Value of Church Property
Antioch.						1 55		9 50								11 05	$ 800 00
Big Springs.	$100 00		12 00			2 00		6 00	5 00	8 00						133 00	1000 00
Bethany	100 00	20 00	73 00	15 00		2 00				18 00		18 00				246 00	1000 00
Bethel	100 00	7 00	21 00	7 00		1 00		1 00	5 00	5 00	25 00					172 00	500 00
Clear Creek	150 00	25 05		6 40		2 50		17 40		30 50						231 85	4500 00
Courtland.			25 60			1 00				4 30						30 90	3500 00
Concord	100 00		31 27	4 50		1 50					70					137 97	700 00
Good Hope	125 00			8 00		2 00		5 00	8 20	8 25		5 00				161 45	1000 00
Liberty Hill	47 00		11 65	4 28		1 90		7 80		15	2 35					75 13	1000 00
Mt. Pisgah			11 00	2 00		1 00		3 20		6 00						23 20	
Mt. Gilead	40 00					1 50		5 00								46 50	400 00
New Liberty						1 00		3 00								4 00	
Oxford.	1000 00	139 75			44 82	3 00	145 43	80 40	95 31	91 50		37 20		10 50		1647 91	‡10 000 00
Panola	350 00	88 50	60 00	21 67		3 00	26 00	40 55	13 50	47 50	31 90	34 33	62 50	4 00		783 45	‡ 2500 00
Pope	75 00	1 50				1 50		10 00		3 70						91 70	1000 00
Pilgrim's Rest	75 00	7 25	11 05	44 05		1 25				7 25						145 85	1000 00
Paris		2 65	6 82			30		8 00								17 77	
Pisgah *																	
Shady Grove †																	
Tocowa	50 00					1 55	36 00	10 00								97 55	600 00
Union						1 25			3 35							4 60	
Water Valley	1000 00	154 45	205 75	72 80	46 65	3 50	449 50	248 85	183 00	148 00	84 25	386 75	25 00	175 00	100 00	3233 50	‡10 000 00
Yocona	106 00	5 00	43 00	6 00		1 90	5 00	20 30		20 00	5 00	41 00	40 00	5 00	3 00	301 20	750 00
Yellow Leaf						1 00										1 00	
Totals....	$3418 00	451 15	512 14	191 70	91 47	37 20	661 93	476 00	313 36	398 15	149 20	522 28	127 50	194 50	103 00	7647 58	40 250 00

* No Letter. † No Statistics. ‡ Church and Pastor's Home.

CHURCH RECORD.

CHURCHES.	Membership Last Year	Incearse: By Letter	Incearse: By Baptism	Incearse: By Restoration	Incearse: Total	Decrease: By Letter	Decrease: By Death	Decrease: Excluded	Decrease: By Erasure	Decrease: Total	Present Membership	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE
Antioch	17	1			18	1	1			2	16	H. W. Rockett	Harrison	M. M. Randolph	Courtland
Big Springs	61	1	1		63		2			2	61	J. O. Hill	Water Valley	W. H. Boydstun	Nolen
Bethany	47	5	11		63	2				2	61	W. H. Carder	Harrison	P. L. Mitchell	Harrison
Bethel	96	4			100	1	1			2	98	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter	J. T. Johnsey	Water Valley
Clear Creek	119	4			123	5	3	10		18	105	S. W. P. Bacon	Oxford	E. H. Barry	Burgess
Courtland	18										18	W. H. Carder	Harrison	J. T. Woodruff	Courtland
Concord	93	4	10		107	4		7		11	96	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter	J. W. Higginbotham	Splinter
Good Hope	98					4	5	4		13	85	H. W. Rockett	Harrison	A. S. Woodruff	Batesville
Liberty Hill	74	3	5	1	83			1		1	82	H. L. Johnson	Water Valley	H. W. Burns	Fletcher
Mt. Pisgah	106	2	3	2	113						113	W. H. Carder	Harrison	P. J. Burkhalter	Harrison
Mt. Gilead	27	2			29	8				8	21	H. L. Johnson	Nolen	A. F. Alexander	Water Valley
New Liberty	34	2	3		39	2				2	37	B. L. McKee	Water Valley	C. J. Coker	Water Valley
Oxford	165	17	2		184	10				10	174	N. W. P. Bacon	Oxford	Jas. H. Leavell	Oxford
Panola	67	1	6		74	3	1			4	70	A. A. Lomax	Batesville	W. B. Jeffress	Batesville
Pope	49	4			53		1			1	52	H. W. Rockett	Harrison	W. H. A. Bemis	Pope
Pilgrim's Rest	130	1	3		134						134	H. L. Johnson	Nolen	J. C. Broom	Shuford
Paris	27	1			28						28	H. L. Johnson	Nolen	W. J. Morehead	Paris
Pisgah	40										27	E. M. Forthe	Randolph	W. E. Hendricks	Water Valley
Shady Grove	45														
Tocowa	30					1	1			2	38	H. W. Rocket	Harrison	J. D. Woodruff	Tocowa
Union			1				2			2	38	A. J. Gaines	Banner	W. C. Haire	Water Valley
Water Valley	254	37	43	2	336	15	3			18	322	W. Jas. Robinson	Water Valley	B. F. Gooch	Water Valley
Yocona	56	3	4		63	8				8	55	J. O. Hill	Water Valley	W. N. Hamilton	Taylor
Yellow Leaf		6	9			10					87	J. J. Gibson	Tula	A. Knight	Delay

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Churches.	Superintendents.	Post Office	Secretary.	Post Office	No. Pupils	Officers & Teachers	Kind of Literature used.	Baptisms this year
Antioch								
Big Springs	E. W. Barton	Nolen	Miss Essie Barton	Nolen	60	4	S. B. C. Series	
Bethany	P. L. Mitchell	Harrison	E. G. Gowen	Harrison	32	4	" " "	7
Bethel	Stenson		Anna Wilburn		75	5	" " "	
Clear Creek	J. S. W. Hodge	Burgess	C. McElroy	Burgess	55	4	" " "	
Courtland	J. H. Jones	Courtland						
Concord	E. S. Moore	Splinter	W. R. Tatum	Splinter	50	4	S. B. C. Series	4
Good Hope	F. A. Lamb	Frederick	A. S. Woodruff	Batesville	34	4	" " "	
Liberty Hill	J. H. Cosby	Fletcher	M. Dougherty	Fleteher	42	3	" " "	
Mt. Pisgah	Hager	Oakland			20	2	" " "	
Mt. Gilead								
New Liberty	Samuel Wilkins		Miss Sallie Moore					
Oxford	F. L. Riley	Oxford	G. W. Leavell, jr.	Oxford	90	10	S. B. C. Series	
Panola	D. C. Perkins	Batesville	A. A. Lomax, jr.	Batesville	53	10	" " "	6
Pope								
Pilgrim's Rest	J. W. Thorn	Reynolds	Miss Luna Thorn	Reynolds	54	4	S. B. C. Series	2
Paris								
Shady Grove								
Tocowa	J. F. Shankles	Tocowa	Florence Sanders	Tocowa	30	3	S. B. C. Series	
Union								
Water Valley	A. E. Jennings	Water Valley	B. P. Gooch	Water Valley	160	10	S. B. C. Series	20
Yocona	W. N. Hamilton	Taylor	G. B. Taylor	Taylor	25	3	" " "	3
Yellow Leaf								
Total					780	70		42

CHURCH RECORD.

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MINUTES

OF THE

OXFORD

Baptist Association

—OF—

MISSISSIPPI,

A. D., 1904.

OFFICERS:

PROF. R. M. LEAVELL, LL. D., Moderator....Oxford, Miss
REV. W. JAS. ROBINSON, Clerk.....Water Valley, Miss
W. W. DICKINS, Treasurer.....Batesville, Miss

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING—GOOD HOPE. TIME—Wednesday before the 2d Sunday in September, 1905.

TO PREACH INTRODUCTORY SERMON.....W. I. Hargis
ALTERNATE.....G. W. Hollowell

Proceedings

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Oxford Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH,

In Yallobusha County, Mississippi, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 7th, 8th and 9th, 1904.

OFFICERS:

PROF. R. M. LEAVELL, LL. D. ..... Moderator.
W. JAS. ROBINSON ..... Clerk.
W. W. DICKINS ..... Treasurer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive Reports of Messengers to other Bodies.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Appoint a Finance Committee.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Receive Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Receive Report of Finance Committee.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Appoint of Standing Committees.
14. Appoint Place of Next Meeting.
15. Appoint Brothers to preach Introductory Sermon
16. Miscellaneous.
17. Call and Correct, and Read Minutes.
18. Adjourn.

DIRECTORY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

T. A. Tubbs,	W. E. Hudson,	J. H. Gowen,
J. M. Davs,	Cleveland McElroy,	J. W. Higganbotham
Mrs. A. A. Burnett	J. A. Woodruff,	J. G. Hill,
J. H. Few,	C. P. Buckhalter,	A. J. McKee,
W. I. Hargis,	D. C. Perkins	S. L. Shepherd,
Thomas Draper,	Terry Box,	J. D. Woodruff.
W. C. Hain,	W. Jas. Robinson,	J. L. Sisk.

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

H. B. Gowen,	H. W. Rockett,	I. H. Lowrey.
E. G. Gowen,	John Waldren.	

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—H. L. Johnson, S. R. Lamb.
Home Missions—N. W. P. Bacon, E. W. Barton.
Foreign Missions—H. W. Rockett, H. B. Gowen.
Sunday Schools—D. C. Perkins, F. A. Lamb.
Woman's Work—W. I. Hargis, F. L. Riley.
Publications—A. A. Lomax, P. H. Lowrey.
Orphanage—W. J. Robinson, A. E. Jennings.
Education—B. T. Kimbrough, W. H. Carder.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. Linder, Water Valley,
W. H. Carder, Harrison.
S. C. Wilkins, Water Valley.
H. W. Rockett, Harrison.
N. W. P. Bacon, Wallace.
A. A. Lomax, Batesville.
H. L. Johnson, Water Valley
C. G. Blount, Water Valley.
L. W. Metts, Oxford.
J. W. Field, Oxford.
W. D. House, Water Valley.
G. W. Hollowell, Splinter.
W. L. Hudson, Nolen.
E. D. Rowe, Harrison.
W. I. Hargis, University.
W. Jas. Robinson, Water Val.
M. L. Williams, Water Valley
B. L. McKee, Water Valley.
J. W. Lee, Grenada.
W. Stublefield, Oxford.

LICENTIATES.

W. H. Hudson, Velma.
G. L. Neely, Water Valley.

Proceedings.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its Thirty-Fifth Annual Session with Bethel Church in Yalobusha County, Miss., September 7, 1904.

At 10 o'clock, a. m., in the absence of the Moderator, Judge P. H. Lowrey, Treasurer W. W. Dickins called the Association to order. After devotional exercises led by

Rev. J. W. Lee of Grenada, Miss., in which "the blood" was emphasized, temporary organization was entered into.

On motion W. W. Dickins was elected temporary Moderator; Rev. W. Jas. Robinson likewise elected temporary Clerk.

By a special order the introductory sermon was then preached by Rev. H. W. Rockett, in the absence of the Rev. N. W. P. Bacon, the regular appointee. He announced as his text John 6:1, and Luke 3:2, and his theme, "The Man With a Message." The discourse was rich in suggestion and spiritual power.

Adjourned for dinner till 1:30, p. m.

FIRST DAY--EVENING SESSION.

The Association was duly called to order and after devotional exercises the Moderator appointed as reading clerks, Revs. H. W. Rockett and H. L. Johnson.

Letters were received from the following churches, and their messengers seated as members of the body.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Big Springs—T. L. Boydston, G. W. Fair.
Bethany—H. W. Rockett, H. B. Gowen, Mrs. H. B. Gowen.
Bethel—J. T. Johnsey, J. M. Davis, R. M. Wilburn.
Central Church—Rev. J. W. Lee.
Clear Creek—J. D. Jones, W. C. Wells, H. L. Bunch and wife,
Concord—G. W. Hollowell, L. D. Jones, E. S. Moore, H. M. Gardner.
Good Hope—J. A. Woodruff, P. B. Farrar.
Liberty Hill—M. D. Daugherty, Galie Campbell, Robert Waters, I. G. Hill.
Mt. Pisgah—T. W. Nelson, E. D. Rankle, P. W. Burkhalter.
Mt. Gilead—W. H. Hudson, J. H. Few.
New Liberty—L. Linder, S. C. Wilkins, J. A. Wells.
New Hope—W. C. Haire, G. L. Neely, G. W. Henderson.
Oxford—R. M. Leavell, Iverson Hargis.
Panola—A. A. Lomax.
Pope—John Hallums.
Pilgrim's Rest—R. Y. Waller.
Paris—J. S. Martin, H. Shepherd, Hubert Hamblett.
Pisgah—No representative.
Shady Grove—R. C. McKinny, G. W. House.

Tacowa—T. A. Tubbs.
Union—No representative.
Water Valley—W. James Robinson, H. L. Johnson.
Yocona—E. M. Taylor, Miss Maud Taylor.
Yellow Leaf—Bud Fudge, J. P. Wilbank.

On ballot the following officers were elected: Prof. R. M. Leavell, LL. D., Moderator; Rev. W. Jas. Robinson, Clerk; W. W. Dickins, Esq., Treasurer.

On call for petionary letters the following were received: New Hope, a new organization near Water Valley, and the Central Church, Grenada, Miss., each presented a letter.

These letters were referred to the following special committee: Rev. A. A. Lomax, D. D., W. W. Dickins, A. J. McKee and H. W. Rockett. After due investigation and consideration the committee reported unanimously in favor of receiving each of the churches into full fellowship with our body. On motion the report was received, adopted and the committee discharged. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers of the churches in behalf of the Association.

The messengers appointed to visit corresponding bodies now reported. W. W. Dickins reported having attended the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and said it was a very gracious meeting. Rev. J. W. Lee reported that Rev. W. I. Hargis enjoyed a pleasant visit to Cold Water Association.

On motion of Bro. W. W. Dickins the Moderator now filled vacancies on the standing committees as follows:

State Missions—Rev. J. W. Lee, J. A. Woodruff. Sunday Schools—W. H. Hudson, W. W. Dickins. Woman's Work—A. A. Lomax, H. W. Rockett. Education—R. M. Leavell, W. W. Dickins. Orphanage—H. B. Gowen, J. W. Field. Sustentation—W. D. Howse, G. W. Hollowell.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following as a Finance Committee: W. C. Wells, J. A. Woodruff and J. W. Lee.

The following were recognized as visitors: Revs. G.

W. Riley, Calhoun Association, J. W. Lee, Grenada, and J. W. Field, Oxford.

The following standing committees read their reports: Rev. H. W. Rockett reported on Home Missions, and Rev. A. A. Lomax, D. D., on Foreign Missions. These reports were received, and by special order their discussion was deferred till Thursday.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report the following:

The work of the Home Mission Board lies within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention—in those States which are not able to supply the destitution within their bounds, especially with the foreign population of their large cities. Their field also includes Oklahoma, New Mexico and Indian Territory. The Board is contemplating enlarging their work by planting mission stations in the Isle of Pines and the Panama Canal Zone. The Board supports 616 missionaries, whose work resulted, last convention year, in 7,526 baptisms, the building of 179 church houses, and the organization of 179 Sunday schools.

To accomplish this work the Board received in round numbers $133,000, of which sum $8,209 was contributed by Mississippi. At the last meeting of our State Convention the State was asked to raise $12,000 for this present conventional year.

The Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., and our own Dr. B. D. Gray is Corresponding Secretary, and to him we refer all those seeking more information about the work of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. ROCKETT.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention (of which this Association is a part) embraces portions of Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. In this territory we have 138 missionaries, 147 native helpers, 180 churches and 294 out-stations. During our last fiscal year we spent in our work $25,450.06 and baptized 2,076 souls. We have a membership of 9,969, 164 schools, 5,104 scholars, 66 Sunday schools and 1,802 pupils. These figures show something of what our people are doing to carry out the great commission. It may seem but little. It is little comparatively, but prospectively it is much. A beginning made, the languages learned, the work organized, our people enlisted and 2,076 souls saved in ONE year!

The history of our mission work is the history of one long struggle of hardship, suffering and sacrifice. But this is not all. It is the story of progress as well. Our work is owned and accepted of God. It is for His glory and the world's good. The full harvest is coming ere long. Brethren let us be patient, persistent, prayerful, and by and by the great reaping time will come. Thank God there is a part in this work for us. Let us do it heartily, cheerfully, and then we shall rejoice the more when we shout, "the harvest home."

It will greatly aid us in our work to take and read our missionary papers and books. May God help us, my brethren, to do our best.

Thousands of lives and millions of money have been cheerfully expended to take Port Arthur. Shall we not be as zealous to rescue our fallen race from eternal ruin? God grant it. AMEN.

ALEXANDER A. LOMAX.

On motion the pastor and the deacons of the church entertaining us, and Rev. W. Jas. Robinson, were appointed a committee on devotional exercises.

The report on publications was read by Rev. W. Jas. Robinson. It was ably discussed by Rev. A. A. Lomax.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend very heartily the following publications: Our State paper, "The Baptist," published at Jackson, Miss., $2.00 per year, in advance; "The Foreign Mission Journal," Richmond, Va., 35 cents per year; "The Home Field," Atlanta, Ga., 10 cents per year, and our own Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday school publications. We would urge all our pastors to use their utmost power to put these publications in each family.

Good literature is an agency of incalculable power for doing good. If we would be a truly great people we must be harmonious and zealous. We believe harmony and zeal can best be fostered by using uniform literature.

We would further urge that our people be encouraged to buy and read good books, but scrupulously avoid all evil or questionable ones. It would be a wise thing for each church to buy one or more of the libraries published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa., and induce the members, and especially the young, to read them. Destinies are determined by reading, hence the importance of reading good books.

We take this opportunity of urging more Bible reading.

Respectfully submitted,

W. JAMES ROBINSON.

Rev. J. W. Lee read the report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is but another term for giving the gospel to the people within the bounds of Mississippi. The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." We know this to be true, first, because God says it; and second, because it accords with our experience of grace. If we have been saved through the preaching of others, surely we are under obligations to our God and Savior to give the gospel to others. This would be true even if there were no command bearing on this subject. But when Jesus, "who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time," says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," we stand between the command on the one hand and the obligation growing out of salvation by grace on the other. Will we disobey the command and thus displease Him whose blood has redeemed us; or shall we obey the command, and at the return of our blessed Savior receive His joyous exclamation: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." It was a joyous hour to us when we entered into salvation through the blood of Christ. It will be another glad day if we, by obedience, enter into His JOY when He returns to the earth to receive the throne of his father David. Let us not be unmindful of our obligation nor disobedient to the heavenly vision.

For statistics we refer you to the Minutes of the late Baptist State Convention; also the printed report of the Convention Board, being now distributed by the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LEE,

J. A. WOODRUFF,

Committee.

The hour having arrived for preaching, we listened to a sermon by Rev. J. W. Lee, from Rom. 5:20. He delivered a sermon of great helpfulness.—Adjourned for dinner.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

We came to order by singing and prayer by Rev. H. L. Johnson.

The chairman announced the committee on apportionment as follows: H. B. Gowen, chairman; G. W. Fair, J. T. Johnsey, W. C. Wells, J. A. Woodruff, E. S. Moore, J. G. Hill, E. W. Nelson, W. H. Hudson, A. J. McKee, W.

I. Hargis, Jr., W. W. Dickens, J. H. Helms, R. T. Waller, J. S. Martin, Dick McKinney, T. A. Tubbs, H. L. Johnson, Elmer Taylor, W. C. Haire, J. W. Lee.

According to agreement at adjournment Rev. A. V. Rowe, D. D., Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, spoke to the report on State Missions.

The reports on Home, Foreign and State Missions were adopted separately.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations recommend Good Hope as the place of the next meeting; time, Wednesday before the second Sunday in September, 1905; to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. W. I. Hargis, alternate, Rev. G. W. Hollowell.

H. W. ROCKETT, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Well-informed Baptists everywhere are agreed that the Sunday School, which is the teaching service of the churches, is in importance to the preaching service. It is also a fact that more people study the Bible in the Sunday School than anywhere else. No church can expect to prosper without an evergreen Sunday School. We must bestir ourselves and make heroic efforts to get all our churches to have well-equipped evergreen Sunday Schools.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville is supplying the very best literature at very moderate prices. Any school can equip itself with ample literature at small cost. We urge our pastors to see that their churches have an evergreen Sunday School. Your committee ask that all the pastors do all that there is in their power to arouse an interest in their churches in this great work. The older people should take an active part in Sunday Schools.

In Proverbs, 22nd chapter and 6th verse, we are told to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. This is a great lesson for us who have children. We should impress the truth on their minds while they are young. Your committee ask that every church report at the next Association an evergreen Sunday School. The Sunday School is food for the churches. It will enlist souls for Christ.

We recommend the use of the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HUDSON, Committee.

Discussed by Brethren Rockett, Woodruff, and Leavell.

Report unanimously adopted.

By a special order the Finance Committee made their report, as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We have received from the churches, through their respective messengers, one hundred and fifty-two dollars ($152 35) and thirty-five cents, to be accredited to the following:

Minutes and Clerk's fee	$ 43 40
Foreign Missions	26 85
Home Missions	18 50
State Missions	41 35
Orphanage	20 00
Sustentation	2 25
Total	$152 35

We hold the receipt of the Treasurer for the above amount, which we attach herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LEE,
J. A. WOODRUFF,
W. C. WELLS,
Committee.

Adopted.

Received from the Finance Committee one hundred and fifty-two dollars ($152.35) and thirty-five cents.

BETHEL, September 8, 1904. W. W. DICKINS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report:
Received from the Finance Committee as follows:

Minutes and Clerk's fee	$ 43 40
Foreign Missions	26 85
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Orphanage	20 00
Sustentation	2 25
Total	$152 35

I now ask that you instruct me to pay the above amounts, as designated, to the party authorized to receive them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. DICKINS.

The Treasurer was authorized to disburse the money as requested by the donors.

Rev. H. W. Rockett read the report on Woman's Work.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report the following:

During Christ's earthly ministry He had no more willing followere and devoted supporters than those found among women. The Apostle Paul also mentions many women, by name, who had been helpful to him in his fields of labor. He accorded to them the place of co-laborers. His injunction to certain ones was: "Help these women."

The women in their organized capacity have been a great help to our Boards, through their contributions, in carrying on our work and fulfilling the commission of Christ.

Your committee, on the short notice given in making this report, are not able to give full statistics of Woman's Work. During the last conventional year the women, in round numbers, contributed $11,700. Thus they have increased from small beginnings to a mighty sum in our mission work. What would we do if we had not the help and encouragement of the women? In return, let us give them help and encouragement in their work.

The report was discussed by Brethren Rockett, Robinson, Bailey, and Rowe. Adopted.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Rev. G. W. Hollowell conducted the devotional exercises, reading the first Psalm for our lesson.

Moderator Leavell called the Association to order.

On motion, the Executive Committee of the closing year be appointed for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Local Committee was appointed from the membership of the Harrison church.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed a fee of $15, to be paid from the fund provided for Minutes and Clerk's fee.

Rev. J. F. McKibben, of Calhoun Association, was recognized and invited to sit with us.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is a means, not an end. It is an agency for the generation of power. The gifts of men are wrapped up in their personality, and require opportunity for their development and utilization.

Seeing the need of power, both mental and spiritual, for the more efficient advancement of all our denominational enterprises, every institution having this object in view should be liberally fostered and supported. We cannot have too many really excellent schools.

From the standpoint of Christianity, Education should be regarded as a means for more effectively propogating the Gospel and extending the kingdom of Christ. It cannot be questioned that there exists the closest connection between education and evangelization. The duty of working and giving for missions is everywhere recognized. We apply this as a test of the very life of our churches. And yet, in many instances we apparently fail to recognize our obligation to Education, which from any rational point of view is the veritable right arm of our missionary enterprises.

Would it not be well for the pastors of our churches to urge this view upon their people, to the end that there shall be a more wide-spread interest in Education and a consequently more rapid spread of the Gospel and larger ingathering of souls into the fold of Christ?

We congratulate our people upon the steadily increasing educational advantages which are being brought within their reach, and especially commend to their favor and patronage Mississippi College, Blue Mountain Female College, Hillman College, and other excellent schools which have been provided by the gifts of our own people and are being conducted under their control and fostering care.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. LEAVELL.

The report was prepared by Dr. R. M. Leavell, and read by Rev. T. J. Bailey. The report was discussed by Brethren Bailey, Leavell, Hollowell and others. By special permission Bro. Hollowell took a collection for Bro. William Hamilton's benefit as a ministerial student at Mississippi College. The following amounts were pledged: Big Springs, $2.50; Bethany, $5; Bethel, $5; Central church, Grenada, $5; Clear Creek. $5; Concord, $5; Good Hope, $5; Mt. Pisgah, $2.50. Oxford (Leavell, paid), $5: Panola, $5: Pilgrim's Rest, $1; Water Valley, $37.50. Total, $33.50.

Adjourned for sermon by Bro. T. J. Bailey. He preached a splendid sermon from Isa. 45:18.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. Tom Winter.

Apportionment Committee reported, as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Big Spring	$ 20 00	Pilgrim's Rest	$ 25 00
Bethany	50 00	Shady Grove	5 00
Bethel	12 00	Tocowa	20 00
Concord	25 00	Union	5 00
Courtland	10 00	Water Valley	1,000 00
Good Hope	50 00	Clear Creek	60 00
Liberty Hill	12 00	Yocoma	60 00
Mt. Gilead	5 50	Yellow Leaf	10 00
Mt. Pisgah	10 00	New Hope	5 00
New Liberty	10 00	Grenada Central	150 00
Oxford	275 00	Pope's	95 00
Panola	250 00		
Paris	10 00	Total	$2,189 50

For the committee.

H. B. Gowen.

Adopted.

Bro. J. W. Fields read the report on the Orphanage, and led in its discussion. Bros. Rockett, Robinson, Bailey and others spoke to it.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

An Orphanage is a place where orphan children are cared for,—where helpless children, whose needs appeal to every intelligently sympathetic heart, are sustained by the donations of their foster friends.

It is very easy to imagine ourselves sympathizing with a cause so God-given, but unless we be drawn out according to our ability to help that cause, it is not so.

But how are we to sympathize with any cause unless we be informed about the needs of the work? Your committee recommends that every Baptist take the "Orphanage Gem," published in the interest of our Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., that we may be intelligent sympathizers. An educated sympathy is the sympathy that helps, and the reason we are not more helpful sympathizers of Orphanage work, as well as other benevolent enterprises, is, we do not know the needs of the work.

We notice from substantial authority that "Our Baptist Orphanage at Jackson is on high and safe grounds. Its recent debt of $6,000 has been cleared away, and now, with buildings and grounds valued at $40,000, the management in the hands of Brother and Sister Carter, in every way competent, a corps of helpers fully adequate, a high place in the affections of our people, its career of noble and holy usefulness is, with God's blessing, fully and amply assured.

"They need now a building for the accommodation of the boys, and a hospital wherein the sick can be properly cared for, and then the Orphanage will be well nigh complete in all of its essential equipment."

We have now in our Orphanage about eighty-five children, whose claim upon our helpfulness needs, and we hope will receive, the hearty support of every true Baptist of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. GOWEN,
J. W. FIELD,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Resolution of thanks:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due the brethren of this church and citizens of this community for their generous hospitality in entertaining this Association.

W. H. HUDSON.

Moderator R M. Leavell was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. H. W. Rockett alternate.

MESSENGERS TO STATE CONVENTION.

H. W. Rockett, W. Jas. Robinson, A. A. Lomax, W. W. Dickins, W. I. Hargis.

Bro. Rockett was appointed to attend the Yalobusha and Coldwater Associations. Bro. Hollowell, Coldwater Association. W. H. Hudson, Calhoun Association. J. W. Fields, Yalobusha and Calhoun Associations.

Adjourned. Singing, How Firm a Foundation. Prayer by Rev. H. W Rockett.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and unite in their efforts in the great cause of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects the dissemination of the Gospel by missionary operations, both home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aim of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement, among which the support of superannuated and worn-out ministers will receive special attention.

ART. 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every additional twenty-five; provided, in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

ART. 3. The delegates present representing churches shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the year.

ART. 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent itself at one meeting shall be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus failing at two consecutive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into the cause of such failure.

ART. 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying the approval and desire by delegates and letters.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and names of delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

ART. 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

ART. 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice to such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger

with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 10. This Association shall, at its annual meeting, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and have the power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman may deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

ART. 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body, provided he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of a tie.

ART. 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be by the Moderator put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

ART. 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

ART. 7. Every member, in addressing the body, must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member will be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection.

ART. 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

ART. 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave from the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

ART. 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during the hours of business without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys received for associational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

ART, 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rule of the Association, a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

ART. 14. The roll of Delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and the absentees without permission shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

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CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Visiting Ministers.	S. School Expenses.	Poor.	Minutes and Clerk.	Missions. State.	Missions. Home.	Missions. Foreign	Other Objects.	S. School and Colportage.	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Totals.	Value of Ch. Property.	Value of Pastor's Home.
Antioch																			
Big Springs	$ 100	$15 75	$ 2 15		$2 50		2 50	$ 7 50	$ 7 25	$ 7 25	$1 50		$11 00			$ 8 60			
Bethany	125		15 00	44 00	5 00		3 00		12 00	11 50			16 26					1000	
Bethel	100	55 00			11 00		2 50			12 00			8 00					1000	
Clear Creek	200			56 00			3 00	36 75	16 00	36 50							$258 00	600	
Central Church							2 00										289 25	4500	
Concord	87 60	165 60		11 05	3 00		3 00	1 65		25 25	10 00				$21 00	60	320 75	800	
Courtland																			
Good Hope	176			20 00	19 82		3 00	15 60	25 75	16 40			10 00				282 57	1000	
Liberty Hill	52	13 75		3 25	4 00		1 50			12 00		1 15					84 15	1000	
Mt. Pisgah	75	2 00		17 60	2 00		75	5 00		7 25			5 00						
Mt. Gilead	40						1 25		* 5 00								46 25		
New Liberty	50				3 00		1 50		5 75								58 75	400	
New Hope							1 00												
Oxford	398 33	200 00		31 25			4 00	15 85	114 97	76 25			16 81				2656 46	8000	2000
Panola	350	154 51	80 50	45 00	33 17	$4 50	3 00	46 50	11 60	60 90			49 16	65 00		12 50	915 34	1000	1500
Pope	75			13 50			1 50	3 40		10 10							102 50	1000	
Pilgrim's Rest	75									7 60					$ 1 00		83 60	1000	
Paris		50 00		16 70	75		95	5 75								50	66 95	400	
Shady Grove	14 50						70						60						
Tocowa	50	76 50					1 10	7 00		10 50								600	
Union																			
Water Valley	1000	412 50	208 50	132 50	98 95	30 00	3 50	174 50	234 50	655 50	75 00		806 55		100 00	100 00	4031 75	8000	2000
Yocona	100	5 00	10 00		6 00		3 50	13 80	†12 00	26 00	5 00		32 00		65 00	5 00	279 80	750	
Yellow Leaf							1 00												

*General Missions. †By W. M. Society.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.	SECRETARY.	POST OFFICE.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Teachers.	Kind of Literature Used.	Baptisms This Year.
Antioch								
Big Springs	E. W. Barton	Nolen.	Miss Essie Barton	Nolen.				
Bethany	J. H. Gowen	Harrison.	Miss Nina Patterson.	Harrison.	20	2	S. B. C. series	
Bethel	D. C. Brister	Water Valley.	Ethel Woods	Water Valley.	20	2	S. B. C. series	
Clear Creek	R. G. Hewlett	Burgess.	Boyd Jones	Burgess.	47	4	S. B. C. series	
Central Chu'h*					55	4	S. B. C. series	9
Courtland*								
Concord*								
Good Hope	F. A. Lamb	Frederic.	Q. S. Woodruff	Batesville.				
Liberty Hill	J. C. Campbell	Fletcher.	M. D. Daugherty	Melbourne.	51	5	S. B. C. series	
Mt. Pisgah	J. D. Rice, Jr.	Oakland.			47	3	S. B. C. series	
Mt. Gilead								
New Liberty	S. C. Wilkins	Water Valley.	Miss Sallie Moore	Water Valley.	41	3	S. B. C. series	
New Hope								
Oxford	F. L. Riley	Oxford.	G. W. Leavell, Jr.	Oxford.	153	14	S. B. C. series	
Panola	P. H. Lowrey	Batesville.	J. W. Leigh	Batesville.	58	11	S. B. C. series	
Pope								
Pilgrim's Rest.	J. R. Jones	Cloud.	Maggie Johnson	Orwood.	40	4	S. B. C series	1
Paris	J. W. Kelly	Paris.	Henry Shepherd	Paris.	42	3	S. B. C. series	
Shady Grove								
Tocowa	Joseph Shankle	Tocowa.	Florence Saunders	Tocowa.	30	3	S. B. C. series	
Union								
Water Valley	A. E. Jennings	Water Valley.	B. P. Gooch	Water Valley.	60	11	S. B. C. series	
Vocona	E. M. Taylor	Taylor.	Harry Sisk	Taylor.	21	4	S. B. C. series	1
Yellow Leaf	H. H. Johnson		Beatrice Willbanks		47			

* No statistics.

CHURCH RECORD.

CHURCHES.	Membership Last Year.	Increase. Letter.	Baptism.	Restored.	Total.	Decrease. Letter.	Death.	Exclud'd	Total.	Present Membership	Pastor.	Post Office.	Clerk.	Post Office.
Antioch														
Big Springs	58	1			1	1	1		2	56	W. Jas. Robinson	Water Valley.	W. E. Hudson	Nolen.
Bethany	61					2	2		4	57	W. H. Carder	Harrison.	J. H. Gowen	Harrison.
Bethel	100									99	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter.	J. T. Johnsey	Water Valley.
Clear Creek	105	7	14	1	23	4			4	123	N. W. P. Bacon	Wallace.	G. C. McElroy	Burgess.
Central Church	75										J. W. Lee	Grenada.	J. M. Windham	Grenada.
Courtland*														
Concord	94	2	7		9	2	1	3	6	97	G. W. Hollowell	Splinter.	J. W. Higginbotham	Splinter.
Good Hope	85					1			1	84	N W. P. Bacon	Wallace.	A. S. Woodruff	Batesville.
Liberty Hill	82					5		1	6	76	H. L. Johnson	Nolen.	H. W. Burress	Fletcher.
Mt. Pisgah	113	2		3	5		1		1	116	W. H. Carder	Harrison.	P. J. Burkhalter	Harrison.
Mt. Gilead	21	2	2		4	4	1		5	20	H. L. Johnson	Nolen.	A. F. Alexander	Water Valley.
New Liberty	39	4	3		7	1		1	2	44	J. F. McKibben	Elard.	J. A. Wells	Water Valley.
New Hope	7									7				
Oxford	174	5			5	7			7	172	W. Stubblefield	Oxford.	J. B. Leavell	Oxford.
Panola	70					4			4	66	A. A. Lomax	Batesville.	A T. Bobo	Batesville.
Pope	52						1		1	51	H. W. Rockett	Harrison	W. H. H. Burris	Pope.
Pilgrim's Rest	129		1	1	2	8	1		9	120	H. L. Johnson	Nolen.	J. C. Broom	Shuford.
Paris	28		2	2	4					32	H L. Johnson	Nolen.	W. J. Moorehead	Paris.
Shady Grove	28					6	1		7	21	—. —. Lender		G. W. House	Water Valley.
Tacowa	28	3			3					31	H. W. Rockett	Harrison.	J. D. Woodruff	Tocowa.
Union														
Water Valley	322	18	24	1	53	22	6	1	29	346	W. Jas. Robinson.	Water Valley.	B. P. Gooch	Water Valley.
Yocona	53	4	10	1	15	5			5	58	J. W. Field	Oxford.	J. C. Carothers	Taylor.
Yellow Leaf	87	2	1		3	4			4	86	J. J. Gibson	Tula.	A. Knight	Oxford.

*No letter.